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A GREAT MOVEMENT.

San Antonio is going to have a celebration in behalf of a celebration on January 25, 26, 27. Chairman Armistead, of the "Committee of One Hundred," has asked editors of the various State papers to be present, together with men in public and private life who are representative of their several communities, in order that the proposed Bi-Centennial Exposition for 1918 may be given definite impetus and direction.

We can think of nothing more necessary to Corpus Christi and to every neighboring city than this exposition planned by the energetic citizenship of San Antonio. The idea of creating a pan-American fair is in keeping with the policy of the United States as it has been shaped by the European war, and it is specially in line with the splendid movement that has been encouraged by President Wilson, himself the author of a doctrine destined to become more notable in its time than that which it supplants.

For our own selfish interests we must take a hand and lend a hand in San Antonio, for if present plans carry, 1918 will be a most prosperous year throughout Texas, and this is undeniably true of Corpus Christi. In fact, San Antonio's overflow will assure more people for the entire coast than we now have accommodations for. If you have been invited, go to San Antonio for the advance celebration. If you have not been invited, you will be given a most cordial welcome.

Only eight polio-tax days!
In Montenegro they just Teuton.
Little folks are busier with other folks affairs.

Concerning defense let's not fall out as we fall in.
Item: "Six negroes lynched in Georgia." Hardly news.

Cold weather may make easy sledding but we'd rather walk.
England justifies her embargo on cotton with her dreadnaughts.

Compulsory military service contains that delectious hyphen "it's an American." King Nicholas is still with his army, but it is impossible to tell where his army is.

If Villa has been captured it is going to take more than a post mortem to identify him.

That National Society League seems to be a by-product of our American munitions plants.

Felix Diaz is confident that he will abstain from another Mexican revolution. Felix Diaz hasn't recovered from running away the first time.

The Bethlehem Steel Company has declared a dividend of \$10 on common stock. Hump! They can call that common if they want to. To us it appears most extraordinary.

Constantine is doing a good deal of squeezing in Greece and we guess that he feels his position as husband of his wife entitles him to squeal, and there's no doubt that he flays a nail on the scalp when he compares visitations of "Greece," neutrality to the German treatment of Belgium. There are some differences in the attitude of the Greeks themselves, but the principle involved is precious near the same.

GO OUT TODAY.

Whatever its defects, the Gulf Coast Exposition will go down in history as a success. Considering the time that was spent in working up the exhibits, the lack of abundance of money to go on, and impediments not anticipated, it is a thing to be proud of. It proves in a general way what may be expected of fairs to come. There is no reason why this fair, right here in South Texas, should not be among the greatest in the United States, particularly from the standpoint of live stock exhibits. On this, the last day, it might be a wise thing for the eleventh-hour citizen to go out and spend a little of his money as a contribution to the cause.

TO BE HOPEFUL.

Reports of Villa's capture have not been confirmed. If he was captured, he is no longer a factor in Mexican politics. Dead, he will represent the possibility of speedier tranquility. In many ways the man was picturesque, and living, though in letters, he contained within himself the elements of another era of terrorism. We speak of Villa in the past tense. We hope that our construction is in keeping with the facts, for we believe our wish is altogether human.

UNIQUE.

The Gusher gusher is fast becoming notorious. It is a great sight in the northern heavens, blazing luridly. Reports indicate fresh crater, the throwing up of even a greater volume of gas. Just think what this means—something in excess of 60,000,000 cubic feet of gas rushing heavenward in flame every twenty-four hours! Perhaps there has been nothing quite so tremendous in the well line since that drill bit earth.

Today's bill, U. S. Senate: Hobo Smith, the famous Georgia fire-eater, will Billy Sunday the lion of England with one hand and tear Germany's limb from limb with the other, at one and the same time talking through Teddy's hat and bowing to the assembled multitude. Beside him, Cyclone Davis is only an innocent collection of whiskers.

John Sharp Williams says that the United States ought not make war over dollars and cents. Go it, John! Your middle name is your explanation.

Texas Press

City Planning.

It is only about three or four years since our town began to have anything like "city planning." A look back at what our Mayor at that time was doing shows that it is possible to bring about happy people together in Dallas to organize the Texas Town and City Planning Association. Those two facts, it seems to us mark a glorious progress that is naturally to follow a new idea, and particularly in one which demands the abandonment of some accepted definition. Most of us have seen towns and cities grow to such maples and wills as they pleased, gave for some time pleasure as it pleased the whole interest of the gentleman on Broadway. How to build. And, as mentioned in these ways and manner, it was hard for us to see the need of going to any expense or trouble to invent, rear, arm, and internationalize that, in a city, one could not turn without discovering something to occasion regret that city planning was not practised at an earlier day. Dallas, for example, has a certain set of strict specifications about it as a measure to lessen the dangers of street traffic, and the labor and the cost of this job are reflected immediately on the pocket of those who govern. What Dallas was not a town.

There is this kind of nondescript city that has no idea of planning and that is the town which feels that it has attained to the limit of its growth and that its future is one of stagnation. Dallas, however, is of course compelled to plan, since the conditions that prevail will be those of today. But, save for those that are ready to make this confession, every town has had to plan its growth and base its growth in that plan. From the mere recognition of things that are amiss and the study of corrective steps will come a more healthful and finer spirit than obtained previously, and this new spirit will not long be content with tasks of merely physical betterment. It will concern itself with things that relate to the social, intellectual, and spiritual life of community. The Texas Town and City Planning Association starts out with a membership of about forty men and women. A year hence it might be ten times that number.—Dallas News.

Not Impossible.

The possibility of a submarine merchantman is the latest development growing out of the war, and from the marine viewpoint, the most interesting. There is no scientific reason. In the opinion of Lieutenant Commander Craft of the New York navy yard, why a submarine of this sort could not make a voyage across the Atlantic with a cargo. The idea of a "commercial submarine," he says, "for blockade runner" is new, but practical. Further developments along this line will be watched with intense interest in various quarters, and in none less than London. Should a submarine be built, capable of carrying a substantial cargo across the Atlantic, the value of sea power will be consider-



LOOKING AHEAD

In future years we will not boast, as we do today, that we are the best. Not in the last upon the Mayflower's pride. Nor will we boast of Norman's shield, or how our sons shot arrows when they crossed over the raging flood with all the Conquerors. We'll say when gathered round the board, "We won, and by Thor!" Our fathers sailed with Henry Ford and put an end to war? They cracked their ship with fire and steel, and sailed for Peacock Lake, with horses at the steering wheel, the tent upon the deck. Across the sea they dropped their sled, and towed their polar bear, and when the ship began to yield, they called changed fortunes. The Indians in their huts reared, above the mortal strife, "What have we done that Henry Ford should come to call it to us?" The ad here, with their explosive battle, remarked, "By Mother Goose, the stuff's all off with Henry Ford, still turns his white dove home." The wounded armies lost their grit, the battleships walked home, when Henry loaded his gun to ship across the Indian ocean, and over the world that White Dove soared, the Dove from heaven for our fathers sailed.

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OTHER VIEWS

Opportunities.

Where you expect of a section of the country which offers opportunities very commonly in America, so many so many houses and claim that it is that section.

This is significant. It shows that every town and townlet is not only willing to receive the new folk, but wants to accommodate them.

However, the opportunity and the degree of welcome depends upon the road available. Every community expects nothing but the best from those who come to them, while over 90 per cent of them possibilities and hopes have not been realized, some main roads are still under construction, and others have not yet been started.

Of course, capital cities are denoted. No community but we know is a capital. Then all with them will be open to receive, and yet the more we see the things, the more pleasant and comfortable they appear to be.

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the winds, rain, snow, temperature,
etc., etc.

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